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In re Application of:

Paul M. Jessop et al.

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TRANSFER SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

You are requested to enter the following preliminary amendment before examination.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 1 and add the following claims:

-- 2. A system for positioning pipette tips into a dispensing tray which has a matrix of apertures sized to receive pipette tips therein with said pipette tips having a length, said system comprising:
a receiving card having a matrix of card apertures substantially uniformly sized for positioning pipette tips there through to register with each aperture of a matrix of tray apertures of a